

REMARKS

Applicants have chosen to take the claims indicated telephonically by Examiner Kenneth Thompson on October 17, 2006 to be allowable if placed in independent form. Claims 1 and 7 were combined as were claims 21 and 30. Examiner Thompson said that he reconsidered the previous indication of allowable subject matter of claims 7, 18 and 27 and that he would no longer agree to allow them. So they have been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 21 were objected to, but Examiner Thompson kindly suggested how to amend these claims to overcome this objection. Applicants have accordingly adopted the proposed changes in all of the independent claims that remain in this case.

Claims 1, 7, 18, 21, 27 and 36-40 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, remaining claims 2-6, 8-17, 19, 20, 22-26 and 28-35 are believed to be in condition for allowance, a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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